REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-15 and 20-23 were rejected on various grounds under 35 U.S.C. §112. All of the Examiner's concerns have been addressed by appropriate non-limiting amendments which are believed to be self-explanatory.

The Examiner questioned the features related to Vds thresholds previously recited in claims 20 and 21. These features have been placed in the respective "whereby" clauses of claims 20 and 21, and therefore are not part of the claimed subject matter of claims 20 and 21. Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejections of claims 20 and 21 is requested at least for this reason.

The foregoing amendments merely clarify the features that were already implicit in the claims and therefore are not considered to be for purposes of patentability. The Examiner is requested to enter these amendments and withdraw the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejections.

Claims 16, 17 and 19-21 were rejected as being anticipated by Edlund. Claims 16, 17 and 19-21 have each been amended to specify a synchronous rectifier or method having a negative feedback signal from the drain of a MOSFET, and a positive feedback signal from the source of the MOSFET (paraphrased). In contrast, Edlund discloses an entirely different device (an electrical analog for a mechanical valve) and there is no indication that it has any functionality in common with the present invention. In particular, Edlund teaches generating a positive feedback signal from a drain and a negative feedback signal from a source of MOSFET.

For at least these reasons, the anticipation rejection is requested to be withdrawn.

PAGE 11/12 * RCVD AT 5/17/2005 10:25:34 PM [Eastern Daylight Time] * SVR:USPTO-EFXRF-1/0 * DNIS:8729306 * CSID:212 222 5806 * DURATION (mm-ss):03-54

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, allowance of claims 1-17 and 19-30 is requested.

FACSIMILE CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being sent via facsimile (703) 872-9306 to: Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on May 17, 2005:

James A. Finder
Name of applicant, assignee or Registered Representative

Signature

May 17, 2005
Date of Signature

JAF:lf

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Finder
Registration No.: 30,173
OSTROLENK, FABER, GERB & SOFFEN, LLP
1180 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10036-8403
Telephone: (212) 382-0700

PAGE 12/12 * RCVD AT 5/17/2005 10:25:34 PM [Eastern Daylight Time] * SVR:USPTO-EFXRF-1/0 * DNIS:8729306 * CSID:212 222 5806 * DURATION (mm-ss):03-54